

Vacationing with Fido



Getting away from it all this year? Taking your dog? Many pets love to travel and have the same sense of adventure as their owners...still others never met a car (plane, train or boat) they liked. Some simple planning will help both you and your pet enjoy your getaway. **ALWAYS** make sure your pet has a proper fitting collar and leash with your current contact info.

Ideally, this should be a cell phone where you can be reached immediately. Ensure your pet has a clean bill of health from your vet before departing and ask about calming medications. Make a copy of your pets health records including vaccinations as many areas require certain pet shots like rabies. If you are flying to your destination, familiarize yourself with the airline's pet-related restrictions and requirements. If you are traveling by car, plan for exercise and toilet breaks and add those scheduled stops into your travel time. Never keep your pet in a hot car, even for a few minutes. Heatstroke happens fast and it can be deadly in just minutes. Regardless of which way you intend to get to your vacation spot, make sure your pet has a comfortable, secure crate and all his or her supplies including access to fresh water at all times. Your vacation with your pet can be trouble free if you let your dog adjust to the new place (and new smells). Plan on taking it easy once your arrive to give your pet (and yourself!) time to get into the vacation frame of mind.

Events, Events, Events!

Saturday, August 1st

AAPAW Super Adoption Event-ACS adoptions
Rolling Oaks Mall
Nacogdoches and 1604
10am-3pm

Saturday, August 15th

Hoops and Hounds-ACS adoptions
AT & T Center
One AT&T Center at East Houston
5pm-9pm

Saturday, August 29th

District 6 backpack bash-ACS mascots
Guerra library
7978 Military Drive West
9am-noon

*For a full calendar of events, please log
onto our website at www.saacs.net*



Back to school blues?

Kids may be dreading the coming end of their summertime fun but did you know your family dog can get the back to school blues too? Many pets can experience serious behavioral problems when left alone after spending so much time with their families. Problems can include everything from digging, chewing and general destruction to howling, incessant barking or crying...even inappropriate elimination. This separation anxiety can have a profound effect on your household--and your house--- unless you take steps to alleviate your pet's stress. Try to keep your coming and going low key without emotional greetings and goodbyes to your pet. Provide toys to ward off destructive chewing and leave your dog with something with your scent on it--like an old t-shirt you have slept in. Your familiar smell will comfort your dog while you are gone. For serious separation anxiety issues, consult your pet's veterinarian for guidance and check out www.hsus.org for more information and tips.



*Missing you
can cause
your pet to act
out.*

Did you know?...

Residents whose animals are reclaimed from Animal Care Services can get their pet sterilized **FREE** of charge! Ask an ACS staff member for the details. Remember! Getting your pet fixed means **NO MORE LITTERS!** Some local options for getting your pet fixed:

Animal Care-207-6652

Spay S.A.-351-7729

S.N.A.P.-673-7722



Don't forget to call your vet!

They may work out a payment plan for you!